



City of Seattle
Seattle Public Utilities

Notice of Rule Revision

Under authority of Seattle Municipal Code 3.32.020 and 21.33.040, notice is hereby given for a proposed revision to a Director's Rule of Seattle Public Utilities. The Director of Seattle Public Utilities proposes to revise DR-2011-003, Stormwater Facility Credit Calculator, and requests public review and comment.

The credit calculator is the formula used for the percentage credit for each eligible parcel that has applied for such a credit on its drainage bill. The 2009 and 2000 stormwater facility calculators include "Rate Tier Multipliers" which reflect the percentage of the drainage bill associated with runoff from impervious surface, with such multipliers used in the calculation of the final stormwater facility credit applied to a parcel's drainage bill. In line with recommendations in the 2016-2018 Drainage and Wastewater Fund Rate Study, the City Council has adopted two new rate tiers for residential parcels with an area of less than 3,000 square feet.

The specific revisions to the rule and its tables are as follows:

- Renumber the rule as DWW-260.2.
- Update the Rate Tier Multipliers used in both calculator tables, in particular the addition of multipliers for the two new tiers (R1a and R1b).
- Adjust the Rate Tier Multipliers for existing tiers to make them consistent with 2016-2018 adopted drainage rates assumptions.
- Include separate Rate Tier Multipliers for low-impact rate tiers (shown with an "L" at the end of the Rate Tier name).
- Update certain descriptions for the BMP-Level Type in the 2009 calculator (Table 2) to bring them in alignment with the stormwater manual.

The following is a summary table of the Rate Tier Multipliers:

Rate Tier Multipliers			Tier	Multiplier (3) [CURRENT]	Multiplier (3) [PROPOSED]
General Service/ Large Residential (% impervious)	Undeveloped-Regular	0-15%	G1	19.57%	30%
	Undeveloped-Low Impact	0-15%	G1L	--	23%
	Light- Regular	16-35%	G2	48.93%	63%
	Light-Low Impact	16-35%	G2L	--	62%
	Moderate- Regular	36-65%	G3	74.27%	83%
	Moderate- Low Impact	36-65%	G3L	--	79%
	Heavy	66-85%	G4	89.99%	93%
	Very Heavy	86-100%	G5	97.41%	99%
Small Residential (Square Feet)		<2,000 sq ft	R1a	87.78%	85%
		2,000-2,999 sq ft	R1b	87.78%	84%
		3,000-4,999 sq ft	R2	72.55%	79%
		5,000-6,999 sq ft	R3	70.19%	78%
		7,000-9,999 sq ft	R4	64.48%	74%

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The full text of the changes to the rule and calculator tables, as well as a summary table of the current and proposed Rate Tier Multipliers can be found at:

Print copies of the drafts are also available on request.

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Deadline for comments: December 11, 2015.